

CLAIMS

1. A method of operating a computing device, the method comprising allocating a handle to a process for enabling the process to use a resource allocated to another process, arranging the handle such that the process is not able to identify the resource, and inhibiting further access by the process to the resource after the use of the resource by the process arising from the allocation of the handle has been terminated.
2. A method according to claim 1 wherein the handle is arranged to enable a plurality of resources allocated to the said another process to be used by the process.
3. A method according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the handle is arranged to enable a plurality of processes other than the said another process to use the resource allocated to the said another process.
4. A method according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the resource is selected to comprise at least one of computing device memory, a semaphore, a mutex, a chunk, a message queue, a thread, a file, or a device channel.
5. A method according to claim 4 wherein, when the resource comprises a file, the file comprises at least one of a trusted font file or a message attachment file for the said another process.
6. A method according to claim 4 or 5 wherein the resource is located in a data cage within the said another process.

7. A method according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the process is selected to comprise a file server.
8. A method according to claim 7 wherein the file server is arranged to indicate to a kernel of the operating system for the computing device that it is able to support the use of the resource prior to the allocation of the handle to the server.
9. A method according to claim 7 or 8 wherein the said other process is arranged to terminate a communication session with the server upon allocation of the file handle to the server.
10. A method according to claim 1 wherein the said another process comprises a parent process, the process comprises a child process, and the resource comprises a kernel resource for an operating system for the computing device.
11. A method according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the handle is provided as an anonymous instantiation of a server required to access the resource.
12. A computing device arranged to operate in accordance with a method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 11.
13. A computing device according to claim 12 comprising a wireless communication device.
14. Computer software for causing a computing device to operate in accordance with a method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 11.